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ELTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year
ending December 1925.

Colnbrook, Bucks.

May 1926.

To the Chairman & Members of the Elton Urban District Council,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to place before you my annual report for the Year 1925. This report will be almost entirely a Statistical and Survey report, the details of conditions which do not vary from year to year, being omitted.

1. General Statistics.

Area 319 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres (revised by
addition of Sanatorium site).
Population 3,366.
No. of inhabited houses 493.
No. of separate occupiers of families .. estimated 600.
Rateable value £29,281 : 17 : 6d.
Sum represented by a penny rate ... £122 10 : 0d.

2. Vital Statistics.

Births 13 males and 13 females.
There were no illegitimate children born during the year.
Deaths 4 males and 17 females.
Deaths of infants under one year of age.
Legitimate 1 female.
Illegitimate nil.
Deaths from Measles nil.
Whooping Cough nil.
Diarrhoea nil.



There has been no marked incidents of infectious diseases during the year 1925 .

General Health conditions of the Urban District remains good.

Housing . There is a need of houses to replace those which are extremely old and almost beyond repair .

Inspection and Supervision of Food .

Inspection is made occasionally, there has not been any complaint to report during the year .

Meat .

There are no slaughter houses within the Urban District, but the administration of the Public Health (meat) regulations 1924, as regards the two shops, and the delivery vehicles, is being maintained .

Other Foods .

The sanitary conditions, and cleansing of bakehouses, are in order .

Hospital .

(a) Tuberculosis .

The County Council Clinic is held at Slough, which receives cases from this district, sent there by the local Medical Practitioners .

No Notification of any new case of Tuberculosis has been received during the year .

(b) Fever .

This Council is under contract with the Eton Rural District Council for the reception of fever and diphtheria cases into the Cippenham Isolation Hospital .

(c) Small Pox .

The Council's Hospital at Bell Farm, Eton Wick, which has accommodation for eight beds, is exclusively reserved for small pox .

(d) General.

All other cases are sent to King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, to which the Eton Urban District Council make an annual contribution.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Eton Rural District Council supplies an ambulance for the removal of fever cases, for other cases an ambulance is requisitioned from the Slough Police.

Maternity Child Welfare.

There is a centre for child welfare in this district, which is exceedingly well attended, and doing excellent work.

Laboratory Work.

The Council is under contract with the Clinical Research Association for all research work with the exception of the water supply, which I do myself.

Legislation in Force.

Adoptive Acts and Bye-Laws.

Adoptive Acts-

Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part 3..

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907.

Bye-Laws-

Slaughter Houses.

Common Lodging Houses.

New Streets and Buildings.

Cleansing of Footways.

Removal of House Refuse.

Prevention of Nuisances.

Keeping of Animals.

Regulations-

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

Milk.

The Inspection and taking of milk for analysis is conducted by the County Council.

Sale of Grade "A" Milk.

During the year the Council has issued licences to:-

Messrs. B. Suckling & Sons of Windsor.

Messrs. Hedges & Keep Ltd., of Windsor.

Ivor Llewelyn of Windsor.

for the sale of Grade "A" milk within the Urban District.

Infectious Diseases Generally.

As already stated, there has been no marked incidents of infectious diseases.

Below is a table of Notifiable Diseases during the year:-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Cases</u> <u>admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Deaths.</u>
Small Pox.....	nil	nil	nil.
Scarlet Fever.....	10	10	nil.
Diphtheria.....	2	2	nil.
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	-	nil.
Puerperal Fever.....	nil	nil	nil.
Pneumonia.....	nil	nil	nil.
Erysipilas.....	1	-	nil.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	-	1.
Cancer.	1	2.
Cerebral Hemorrhage	-	1.
Heart disease.	2	4.
Arterio-Sclerosis.	-	1.
Bronchitis.	1	1.
Pneumonia.	-	1.
Appendicitus.	-	1.
Nephritis.	-	1.
Violence.	-	2.
Other defined diseases.	-	2.
Totals.....	<u>4.</u>	<u>17</u>

Deaths of infants under one year of age...1 female.

Housing.

1. General Housing Conditions.

(a) From 30 to 40 houses are required.

(b) The Urban District Council are preparing a housing scheme.

2. Overcrowding.

- (a) The extent of overcrowding is not to be considered large.
- (b) The cause in some cases is due to taking in lodgers to help pay the rent of the house.
- (c) No action will be taken pending the Council's decision to build.

3. Fitness of Houses.

- (a) The general standard of housing in the south of the district is medium to poor.
- (b) General character of defects is due to old age.
General action is taken as regards unfit houses under the Public Health Acts.

Housing Statistics for the Year 1925.

Number of new houses erected during the year-

- (a) Total (including numbers given under (b)) . None.
- (b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts . "
 - (1) By the Local Authority . "
 - (2) By other bodies or persons . "

1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection- (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for the housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts32

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, ^{or} ~~pp~~ the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 4

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 3

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.29

2. Remedy of defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in

consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or
their officers 26

3. Action under Statutory Powers .

A. Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 .

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
notices were served requiring repairsnone .

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit
after service of formal notices:-

(a) By ownersnone .

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners . "

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations
by owners of intentions to closenone .

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts .

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
notices were served requiring defects to be remedied3

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were
remedied after service of formal notices:-

(a) By owners3

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ..none .

C. Proceedings under sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing
Act 1925 .

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the
making of Closing Orders4

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
Closing Orders were made4

(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-houses
having been rendered fit1

(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were madenone .

(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance
of Demolition Ordersnone .

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply. The water supply is obtained from the Waterworks under the control of the Windsor Corporation and is a constant supply.

Rivers. No report of any pollution of the river within the Urban Area has been received during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage. All sewers gravitate to a point and the sewerage is pumped $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles outside the Urban District to the disposal farm. The disposal is on the broad irrigation system. The farm is about 45 acres in extent and the subsoil is gravel.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. L. HEISER.

